Please do NOT allow cell phone usage in the airplane cabins during the flight for the following reasons:

- (1) The NPRM would leave it up to flight attendants to police the use of cell phones onboard the aircraft. Attendants are unable to make the discretionary decisions about who is talking too loudly and who is not. That is an unnecessary burden to place on them.
- (2) Cell phone usage would create more noise than is already tolerable in the cabins. How often have you thought that you do NOT need to hear about Jane Doe's personal life that she is conveying to a passenger sitting next to her while you are in the seat in front of her? Imagine adding the noise from cell phone talking to the already annoying loud talkers that currently exist on the plane?
- (3) Passengers should be able to count on the ability to read a book or prepare for a business meeting on a flight. This is impossible when there is loud talking in the cabin.
- (4) There is no hard evidence that cell phone use doesn't interfere with navigational instruments.
- (5) Cell phone use would enable terrorists to coordinate a plan of action more effectively.
- (6) It would make an already tense cabin environment even more stressful.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this ruling. You may reach me at 202-434-8990 if you have any questions. Thank you.